

## IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An on-off control circuit between an IEEE  
1394a and IEEE 1394b compliant physical layer output driver circuitry and an  
optical transceiver, the on-off control circuit comprising:
  - 4 a comparator having a first input for receiving an input signal from the  
output driver circuitry and an output for providing an output signal to the optical  
transceiver;
  - 7 a reference voltage source coupled to a comparator second input; [[and]]
  - 8 a feedback network coupled to the second input for providing a hysteresis  
9 window[[.]]; and
  - 10 wherein the optical transceiver is enabled during a period in which the  
output driver circuitry is sending a tone, and disabled during an interval between  
tones.
- 1 2. (Original) The control circuit of claim 1, wherein the comparator is a  
2 high speed voltage comparator.
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The control circuit of claim 1, wherein the input  
2 signal comprises an output common mode voltage an output signal of an IEEE  
3 1394 compliant physical layer output driver circuit.
- 1 4. (Currently Amended) The control circuit of claim 1, wherein the  
5 output signal is coupled to a transmit enable bar input of the optical transceiver  
glass fiber optical physical medium dependent sub-layer.
- 1 5. (Canceled) An optical transmitter control circuit comprising:

2 a comparator having a first input coupled to an output common mode  
3 voltage of an IEEE 1394 PHY and an output coupled to an optical transmitter  
4 input;  
5 a voltage reference source coupled to a comparator second input; and  
6 a feedback network coupled to the comparator second input.

1 6. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 output common mode voltage is provided by an IEEE 1394 PHY TPB+/-  
3 termination network.

1 7. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 comparator is a high speed voltage comparator.

1 8. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 voltage reference source comprises a voltage divider.

1 9. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 termination network is coupled to the first input through a resistor.

1 10. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 termination network provides a differential pair common mode voltage signal.

1 11. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 first input comprises a negative input and the second input comprises a positive  
3 input.

1 12. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 5, wherein the  
2 optical transmitter input comprises a transmit enable bar input.

1 13. (Canceled) An optical transmitter control circuit coupled between an  
2 IEEE 1394 PHY TPB+/- termination network and an optical transmitter  
3 comprising:

4 a comparator having a first input coupled to the termination network and  
5 an output coupled to an optical transmitter input;  
6 a voltage reference source coupled to a comparator second input; and  
7 a feedback network coupled to the comparator second input.

1 14. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 comparator is a high speed voltage comparator.

1 15. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 voltage reference source comprises a voltage divider.

1 16. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 termination network is coupled to the first input through a resistor.

1 17. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 termination network provides a differential pair common mode voltage signal.

1 18. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 first input comprises a negative input and the second input comprises a positive  
3 input.

1 19. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 13, wherein the  
2 optical transmitter input comprises a transmit enable bar input.

1 20. (Canceled) An optical transmitter control circuit coupled between an  
2 IEEE 1394 compliant physical layer output driver circuitry and a glass fiber  
3 optical physical medium dependent sub-layer comprising:  
4 a comparator having a negative input coupled to the output driver circuitry  
5 and an output coupled to a glass fiber optical physical medium dependent sub-  
6 layer transmit enable bar input;  
7 a voltage divider providing a reference voltage of about half a differential  
8 pair output common mode voltage to a comparator positive input; and  
9 a feedback network coupled to the comparator positive input for  
10 eliminating oscillation.

1 21. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 20, wherein the  
2 comparator is a high speed voltage comparator.

1 22. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 20, wherein the  
2 output driver circuitry is coupled to the negative input through a resistor.

1 23. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 20, wherein the  
2 output driver circuitry provides the differential pair output common mode voltage.

1 24. (Canceled) An optical transmitter control circuit comprising:  
2 a comparator having a negative input coupled to a termination network  
3 and an output coupled to an optical transmitter transmit enable bar input;  
4 a voltage divider coupled to a comparator positive input; and  
5 a feedback network coupled to the comparator positive input for providing  
6 a hysteresis window.

1 25. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 24, wherein the  
2 termination network comprises an IEEE 1394 PHY TPB+/- termination network.

1 26. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 24, wherein the  
2 comparator is a high speed voltage comparator.

1 27. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 24, wherein  
2 the termination network is coupled to the negative input through a resistor.

1 28. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 24, wherein the  
2 termination network provides a differential pair common mode voltage signal.

1 29. (Canceled) An optical transmitter control circuit coupled between an  
2 IEEE 1394 compliant physical layer output driver circuitry and a glass fiber  
3 optical physical medium dependent sub-layer comprising:

4 a comparator having a negative input coupled to the output driver circuitry  
5 and an output coupled to a glass fiber optical physical medium dependent sub-  
6 layer transmit enable bar input;

7 a voltage divider providing a reference voltage to a comparator positive  
8 input; and

9 a feedback network coupled to the comparator positive input for providing  
10 a hysteresis window.

1 30. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 29, wherein the  
2 comparator is a high speed voltage comparator.

1 31. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 29, wherein the  
2 output driver circuitry is coupled to the negative input through a resistor.

1 32. (Canceled) The optical transmitter control circuit of claim 29, wherein the  
2 output driver circuitry provides a differential pair common mode voltage signal.